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SUBJECT: GAMBLING

1. THE COMMISSION ON THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL POLICY TOWARD GAMBLING, A JOINT PRESIDENTIAL-CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION COMPRISING FOUR SENATORS, FOUR CONGRESSMEN, AND SEVEN

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES, IS PRESENTLY STUDYING GAMBLING POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS. THE COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE (BY POUCH OR CABLE AS APPROPRIATE) GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CONTROL AND OPERATION OF CASINO GAMBLING IN PANAMA, AND KEY INDIVIDUALS IN THE CASINO INDUSTRY. THE COMMISSION OR ITS STAFF WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ONE OR MORE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS EITHER IN PANAMA OR, PREFERABLY, IN THE U.S. IF THAT SHOULD BE FEASIBLE. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES CONTACT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES IS NOT APPROPRIATE PLEASE SO ADVISE.

2. AS THE COMMISSION WILL ISSUE ITS FINAL REPORT IN OCTOBER, A PROMPT RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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